# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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PREVENTION OF FOOD ADULTERATION ACT
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Prevention of Food Adulteration Department of Delhi have totally failed to check adulteration in food item in the capital;

(b) if so, whether the outbreak of dropsy in the recent past was due to negligence on the part of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Department:

(c) if so, whether the Union Government propose to make suitable amendments in the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act and curtail the power of the States who had failed on this front at all;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps proposed to be taken to check the role of Prevention of Food Adulteration Department?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a)&(b) According to the Government of NCT Delhi, it is not correct that the Department of PFA Delhi has failed to check the adulteration in food items in the Capital.

(c)&(d) There is no proposal with the Central Government to amend the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 to curtail the powers of the State Governments.

(e) As the enforcement of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act is vested with the State Governments they are being advised from time to time to take effective steps to ensure strict enforcement of the Act.